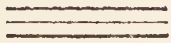


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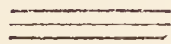
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE GOOLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my second Annual Report on the health of the Rural District for the year 1948.

The health of the District was reasonably good and the incidence of infectious disease was low, although showing a slight increase on the previous year. The increase was largely due to measles which was prevalent in the Spring, but there was also an increase of scarlet fever. No cases of diphtheria occurred.

Whooping cough accounted for one death in a baby of eleven months old.

Notifications of all forms of tuberculosis totalled six, as against sixteen in 1947.

In common with the general trend there was a marked drop in the Birth Rate from 20·9 in 1947 to 17·0 in 1948; the aggregate for West Riding Rural Districts being 19·2 and for the country 17·9.

The Death Rate of 9·1 was the lowest for 22 years, and it is significant to note that of the 84 deaths 45 were between the ages of 70 and 94 years.

The Infantile Mortality Rate of 32, although not the lowest recorded, was below the new low record of 34 for England and Wales. There were no Maternal Deaths during the year.

The National Health Service Act became operative on the 5th July, 1948, but produced little change in the personal Health Services of the District, already administered by the County Council—the new Local Health Authority.

Specialist Clinics for Pædiatrics (diseases of children) and Orthopædics (deformities) held monthly, were established in Goole Borough and are available for all children in the Division.

Home Helps for domestic duties during the lying-in period and for cases of chronic sickness recommended by doctors became available. It should be noted that this is not a free service, a proportion of the cost, according to income, being charged to the patient.

It is regrettable that the M. and C.W. Centre at Swinefleet was inoperative throughout the year, and these services had to be carried out on a much reduced scale from a room at the School.

The building of new houses made reasonable progress, but the number permitted is only a fraction of the number required to meet the needs of the District. It has to be kept in mind that the last Survey showed that there are over 200 unfit houses, and others become more dilapidated as the years pass.

Another point requires particular emphasis. If the public are to receive the Nursing Services they need, and for which they have been paying since the 5th July, 1948, it is obvious that Local Housing Authorities will have to grant some form of priority in housing them.

The setting aside of one or two houses at strategic points for Home Nurses and Midwives will certainly deprive one or two families of a home, but the failure to do so deprives large numbers of the community of essential services to which they are entitled.

The implementation of the schemes for the extension of piped water supplies and sewage disposal will do much to improve the sanitary amenities of the District.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman, Members and Officials of the Goole Rural District Council for their assistance and co-operation during 1948.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

S. KENNAUGH APPLETON,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1949.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of Rural District	38,238 acres.
Population (mid-1948)	9,220
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	2,639
Rateable Value (1-4-48)	...	...	...	...	£36,362
Product of Penny Rate (1947-48)	...	...	...	...	£144/3/9

VITAL STATISTICS

	GOOLE R.D.	Aggregate West Riding R. Ds.	West Riding Admin. County	England & Wales (provis- ional)
BIRTH RATE				
(per 1,000 population) ...	17.0	19.2	18.5	17.9
DEATH RATES				
(per 1,000 population) ...				
All causes	9.1	9.8	11.3	10.8
Zymotic Diseases (principal)	0.22	0.12	0.12	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis ...	0.22	0.36	0.37	0.44
Other forms of Tuber- culosis	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.07
Respiratory Diseases (ex- cluding Respiratory Tuberculosis)	0.65	1.15	1.29	—
Cancer	1.41	1.49	1.74	1.86
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	3.25	3.03	3.73	—

INFANT MORTALITY

(Deaths under one year per
1,000 live births) ...

... 32 40 39 34

INFANT DIARRHŒA

(Deaths under two years of
age per 1,000 live births)

6.37 4.97 4.38 3.3

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths of mothers in child-
birth per 1,000 total births

Puerperal Sepsis ...	0	0.13	0.10	0.24
Other Causes	0	1.12	1.05	0.78
Total	0	1.25	1.15	1.02

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH FIGURES.

BIRTH RATE.

Average for	1930-1934 ...	18.3	1946 ...	19.5
„ „	1935-1939 ...	15.1	1947 ...	20.9
„ .. (War years)	1940-1945 ...	17.2	1948 ...	17.0

TOTAL DEATH RATE.

Average for	1930-1934 ...	11.5	1946 ...	11.7
„ „	1935-1939 ...	11.5	1947 ...	12.8
„ .. (War years)	1940-1945 ...	11.4	1948 ..	9.1

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE.

Average for	1930-1934 ...	0.34	1946 ...	0.47
" "	1935-1939 ...	0.27	1947 ...	0.23
" " (War years)	1940-1945 ...	0.34	1948 ...	0.22

NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

Average for	1930-1934 ...	0.09	1946 ...	0.24
" "	1935-1939 ...	0.16	1947 ...	0.23
" " (War years)	1940-1945 ...	0.07	1948 ...	0.00

RESPIRATORY DEATH RATE.

Average for	1930-1934 ...	1.07	1946 ...	0.71
" "	1935-1939 ...	0.55	1947 ...	1.28
" " (War years)	1940-1945 ...	0.87	1948 ...	0.65

CANCER DEATH RATE.

Average for	1930-1934 ...	1.45	1946 ...	1.42
" "	1935-1939 ...	0.98	1947 ...	1.74
" " (War years)	1940-1945 ...	1.82	1948 ...	1.41

ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE.

(Principal Notifiable Diseases).

Average for	1930 1934 ...	0.29	1946 ...	0.00
" "	1935-1939 ...	0.20	1947 ...	0.12
" " (War years)	1940-1945 ...	0.20	1948 ...	0.22

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE.

Average for	1930-1934 ...	62	1946 ...	42
" "	1935-1939 ...	66	1947 ...	61
" " (War years)	1940-1945 ...	43	1948 ...	32

BIRTHS

1948.

			Male.	Female.	Total.
LIVE BIRTHS :	Legitimate ...	...	82	65	147
	Illegitimate ...	...	4	6	10
	Total ...	...	86	71	157
STILLBIRTHS :	...	...	4	1	5

CAUSES OF DEATH

1948.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Whooping Cough	0	1	1
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	2	0	2
Tuberculosis (other forms)	0	0	0
Cancer	7	6	13
Diabetes	0	1	1
Intracranial vascular lesions	2	1	3
Heart diseases	17	11	28
Other diseases of circulatory system	0	2	2
Bronchitis	0	1	1
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Other respiratory diseases	1	1	2
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	0	1
Other digestive causes	1	0	1
Nephritis	4	2	6
Premature birth	1	0	1
Congenital causes	0	1	1
Violent causes	3	2	5
All other causes	7	3	10
Syphilitic disease	1	0	1
Road traffic accidents	2	0	2
	—	—	—
Total	51	33	84

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases during 1948.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Pulmonary	3	2	5
Non-pulmonary	0	1	1
Total cases on the Register.			
Pulmonary	18	21	39
Non-pulmonary	7	4	11

GOOLE RURAL DISTRICT

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during 1948

	No. of cases notified							Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	At all ages	According to Age							
		Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64			Over 64
Smallpox									
Cholera (C) Plague (P)									
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup									
Erysipelas	2		1		1				
Scarlet Fever	13	1	10	2				7	
Typhus Fever									
Enteric Fevers									
Relapsing and Continued Fevers									
Puerperal Pyrexia	1			1					
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis									
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis									
Ophthalmia Neonatorum									
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4			2	2				2
Other forms of Tuberculosis									
Measles	64	1	38	25					
Primary Pneumonia									3
Influenzal Pneumonia									
Whooping Cough	2		1		1				1
Dysentery									
Encephalitis Lethargica									
Totals	86	1	39	37	5	4	—	7	6

HOUSING

Number of houses erected by the Council up to the 31st December, 1948 :—

Airmyn	8	Rawcliffe Bridge ...	17
East Cowick	13	Reedness	16
Gowdall	8	Snaith	40
Hook	22	Swinefleet	67
Pollington	17	West Cowick	24
Rawcliffe	60	Whitgift	4

TOTAL — 296.

HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Airmyn	...	...	8	Swinefleet	...	...	16
East Cowick	...	...	8	West Cowick	...	...	10
Gowdall	...	...	6	Ousefleet	...	...	4
Pollington	...	...	8	Rawcliffe Bridge	...	...	19

FUTURE BUILDING SCHEMES.

GOOLE FIELDS.—One acre is being purchased, but owing to the reluctance of the owner to sell, slow progress is being made.

RAWCLIFFE.—Site purchased in Ridding Lane, 5.8 acres.

RAWCLIFFE BRIDGE.—Twelve brick houses are proposed, and these will complete the site, on which 24 "AIREY" houses have been built.

SWINEFLEET.—A further 14 houses are to be built on the Reedness Road site, where 16 houses are now under construction.

EAST COWICK.—There is room on the Ings Lane site for a further 14 houses.

SELECTION OF TENANTS.

Very careful attention is devoted to the selection of tenants, and although unsuccessful applicants may feel greatly disappointed, the Council do claim that even without the aid of any "points" system they take great care to ensure that houses are let to those having the greatest need.

The Sanitary Inspector visits each applicant and notes the conditions under which the applicants are living. In recent years the Ministry of Health stipulated that a proportion of the houses should be let to farm workers, but apart from this stipulation the Council have let houses to:—

- (a) Young married couples who had not had a home to themselves.
- (b) Large families living under overcrowded conditions.
- (c) Families living in unfit houses.

The number of persons (parents and children) to be accommodated in the ten "Airey" houses which were nearing completion at the end of the year at Finnley's Lane, West Cowick, is 51.

For 8 houses built during the year at Reedness, 42 applications were received. The eight selected composed a total of 50 persons. Seven of those selected were tenants of houses which were badly overcrowded and the other was a young married farm worker who was living with his parents.

Of the 22 houses built in Marina Avenue, Snaith, 14 were let to families who had not previously had a home of their own.

When, in August, 1948, applicants were considered for the tenancy of 14 "Airey" houses at Rawcliffe Bridge, the Council carried out the instructions of the Ministry of Health and gave first preference to agricultural workers, and this caused a good deal of discontent in the parish. Seventy applications were received. Ten of the fourteen houses were let to agricultural workers and the street was named "Harvest Way."

HOUSING REPAIRS.

With the improvement in the supply of building materials and labour, it is possible to get repairs carried out without undue delay. Certain houses which were on the Council's "black list" have changed ownership and are now tenanted by the respective owners, and a great improvement has been made in the condition and the appearance of such houses. Although even now they may not be up to "text book" standards, they are at least providing fairly comfortable homes for the families now occupying them.

It is not yet possible to make systematic inspections of every house and enforce the carrying out of all necessary repairs, but where the lack of repairs is causing discomfort to the tenant, the owner is requested to carry out the necessary repairs.

HOUSING SURVEY.

The completion of this survey gives the following figures:—

			Satisfactory.	Minor repairs required.	Repairs required.	Re-conditioning required.	Unfit.	Total.
Adlingfleet	...	...	1	12	28	4	1	46
Airmyn	...	...	104	7	68	16	—	195
Eastoft	...	...	4	4	—	3	—	11
Fockerby	...	...	3	4	10	2	—	19
Goole Fields	...	...	11	8	33	—	—	52
Gowdall	...	...	13	10	21	5	5	54
Haldenby	...	...	10	3	1	—	—	14
Hook	...	...	239	32	47	34	18	370
Ousefleet	...	...	6	13	14	—	8	41
Pollington	...	...	53	26	37	13	3	132
Rawcliffe	...	...	196	83	321	4	71	675
Reedness	...	...	26	18	37	10	12	103
Snaith and Cowick	...	...	152	78	210	14	32	486
Swinefleet	...	...	92	74	89	33	42	330
Whitgift	...	...	19	9	31	2	15	76
Totals	...	...	929	381	497	140	207	2604

WATER SUPPLY.

The scheme which the Council has submitted to the West Riding County Council for the laying of water mains to the 56 isolated farms and cottages on Swinefleet, Reedness and Whitgift Commons has not yet received sanction.

The number of houses without piped water, including the 56 mentioned above, is 153. The whole of these (except 5) are situated long distances from any water main. All the twelve schools in the District have a piped water supply from the Council's main.

SEWERAGE AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL.

The three schemes mentioned in previous reports, i.e., Airmyn, Hook, Snaith and Cowick, have not yet received approval.

SCAVENGING.

The Scavenging of the whole of the parishes continues to be carried out in a satisfactory manner. Particular attention is paid to the condition of the refuse tips, which are located at Readingate, Swinefleet; Church Lane, Whitgift; near the Railway Embankment at Hook; Rawcliffe Common, and in a disused sandpit at Snaith. It will become an increasingly difficult matter to find suitable tips in the Marshland area.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no offensive trades carried on in the District.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

There are seven private slaughter houses in the district, at Rawcliffe (3), Snaith (2), Swinefleet (2).

Since 1939 all slaughtering has been carried out at the Goole Borough Abattoir.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

There are 64 registered cowkeepers in the District, and the number of cows is approximately 375.

INSPECTIONS—1948.

Number of inspections (including Housing)	...	...	159
Nuisances found and abated	...	...	30
Informal notices served	...	...	20
Notices complied with	...	...	20
Cowsheds inspected	...	...	102